

In the Specification:

Please **add** a new heading at **page 1, above line 1** as follows:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please **add** a new heading at **page 1, above line 3** as follows:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please **add** a new heading at **page 1, above line 7** as follows:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please **add** a new paragraph at **page 1, following line 17**, as follows:

Such a method and such a device are further known, for example, from DE 100 41 444 A1. When the driving off request is detected, the brake pressure is reduced, in which case the driving off request can be detected, inter alia, on the basis of operating variables such as the engine torque and/or engine speed.

Please **add** a new heading at **page 1, above line 18** as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 1, lines 18 to 20**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The object of the present invention is to provide a method of the type mentioned at the beginning and a device for carrying out this method with ~~improved~~ improved features.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 1, line 21 to 22**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

This object is achieved according to the features of ~~patent claim 1 and of patent claim 11~~, the first method claim and the first device claim, respectively.

Please **delete** the paragraph at **page 2, lines 13 to 15**.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 2, lines 16 to 27**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

~~It is advantageous if the~~ The maintaining brake pressure which is predefined by the brake pedal position at the time when the driving off assistance mode is switched on is maintained for a predefined delay period after the complete release of the brake pedal ~~[[for]]~~ as long as a driving off request of the driver has not been detected. Within the delay period the driver still has sufficient time to change over his foot from the brake pedal to the accelerator pedal and initiate the driving off process without the vehicle being able to roll back in the opposite direction to the desired driving off direction.

Please **add** a paragraph at **page 3, above line 15** as follows:

Advantageous refinements of the method according to the invention or of the device according to the invention emerge from the dependent patent claims.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 3, lines 15 to 20**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The values of the engine torque (M) and/or of the engine speed (N) are expediently prefiltered before the derivative over time, in particular by means of the polynomial moving average method, as a result of which large errors as in the values of the respective derivative over time can be avoided.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 4, lines 4 to 9**, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The designated driving off direction can easily be determined by reference to the ~~gearspeed~~ gear speed selected by the driver. Together with the value of an inclination sensor for determining the incline it is then possible to detect whether or not the driver wishes to drive off in an uphill direction.

Please **add** a new heading at **page 4, above line 10** as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please **add** a new heading at **page 4, above line 24** as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EXAMPLE EMBODIMENT AND OF THE BEST MODE OF THE INVENTION

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